THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The implementation, which is subject of availability of resources of various suggestions made by the Committee constituted to make an in-depth study of the functioning of gastroenterology department of the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, will considerably improve the functioning of the said department in the fields of training and teaching programme, research, patient care, endoscopic services, relationship of super speciality of gastroenterology with other departments of the Institute as also the intra-departmental relationship etc.

318. [Transferred to the 15th May, 1990]

Estimated Cost of Generation of Electricity from Tehri Dam

319. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that estimated cost of generating electricity from the proposed Tehri Dam was as high as 73 paise per unit in 1987;

(b) whether the estimated cost has escalated to more than 100 paise per unit whereas the average generating cost from hydel projects elsewhere in the country is much less; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The cost of generation on average availability basis as per the cost estimates of 1987 was 63 Paise Per Unit.

(b) The cost of generation at March, 1990, price level works out to 77 Paise Per Unit on average availability basis.

(c) Tehri Project will provide peaking power, for which this cost of generation is considered acceptable.

Setting up of Gas-based power stations in certain Districts of Madhya Pradesh

320. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from the Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board for installing gas-based-300 megawatt power stations in the Gwalior, Jhabua, Rajgarh and Guna districts of Madhya Pradesh based upon availability of gas in HBJ pipeline corrider for alternative use; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board forwarded the project reports for Gwalior, Guna, Jhabua and Rajgarh gas pewer plants of 450 MW (3x100 MW Gas Turbine—1x150 MW Steam Turbine) capacity at each location in October, 1988. The gas for these projects is envisaged by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board to be available from HBJ pipeline.

The proposals could be approved by the Central Electricity Authority after the availability of all essential inputs, including the confirmation of supply of gas, on a sustained basis and environmental clearance etc. are obtained by the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board.